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SUBJECT The Mulcahy Case

SUSAN SPENCER: An autopsy has failed to reveal the cause of death of the key witness in the case against Edwin Wilson, an ex-CIA agent accused of aiding Libyan terrorists. Tissue and chemical tests have now been ordered on the body of Kevin Mulcahy, a former Green Beret found dead Tuesday outside a motel cabin in Edinburg, Virginia.

Mulcahy had been holed up there for more than a week, had been drinking heavily, and was suffering from a number of serious illnesses.

Meanwhile, another man in Wilson's operation who had known Mulcahy is convinced that Mulcahy's death was not natural.

Gary Shepard has that part of the story.

GARY SHEPARD: Former Green Beret Luke Thompson, himself a government witness against Edwin Wilson, is convinced Kevin Mulcahy was murdered to keep him from testifying at Wilson's trials.

LUKE THOMPSON: You can't convince me at this point that it was a -- that this was a natural death. It may very well be, but I'm not convinced. And for my own personal protection, I'm taking all the precautions that I feel necessary.

SHEPARD: You're afraid they're going to try to get you too?

THOMPSON: Wouldn't you?

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SHEPARD: Colorado police sergeant Ray Martinez, a friend of Mulcahy's, says he got a phone call from him only a week and a half ago, and Mulcahy was worried.

RAY MARTINEZ: His concern was, all of a sudden, he's recognizing that somebody's following him around. He's been in rooms and he knows that when he's been out of the room, somebody has been in his room.

SHEPARD: Luke Thompson, who, as a Green Beret, often worked for the CIA, says Mulcahy was probably drugged.

THOMPSON: There're several drugs that simulate heart attack. And after a period has elapsed after death, it's impossible to trace it.

SHEPARD: Thompson says the federal government has not offered him protection, and he's afraid he may be next on the death list.

Gary Shepard, CBS News, Los Angeles.